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SUBJECT: US-SAUDI COOPERATION IN SUPPORT OF NORTH YEMEN:
CONGRESSIONAL CONSULTATIONS

1. MEMBERS OF HIRC AND SFRC STAFFS HAVE BEEN BRIEFED
ON PROPOSED US PROGRAM IN SUPPORT OF NORTH YEMEN, INCLUDING
ACCELERATED DELIVERY OF PREVIOUSLY APPROVED EQUIPMENT,
TRAINING ASSISTANCE AND POSSIBLE SALE OF ADDITIONAL F-5S.
STAFFERS
POSED NO OBJECTION TO PROPOSED PROGRAM. TWO
CONCERNS RAISED IN COURSE OF DISCUSSIONS, HOWEVER, WERE
SHORT AND LONG TERM PROSPECTS FOR STABILITY IN NORTH YEMEN
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AND DEGREE TO WHICH SAG WILL CONCEDE DIRECT USG ROLE IN
YAR MILITARY MODERNIZATION. STAFFERS WERE ALREADY AWARE
THAT VEHICLES IN YEMEN HAD NOT BEEN TURNED OVER TO YAR
FORCES AND OF DELAYS IN F-5B TRANSFERS. THEY EXPRESSED
CONCERN THAT WE AVOID A REPETITION OF THESE PROBLEMS WITH
THE PROPOSED NEW DELIVERIES AND WILL BE MOST INTERESTED
IN OUR PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING AN EFFECTIVE PROGRAM IN

YEMEN WHEN WE SEEK CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL FOR ADDITIONAL
EQUIPMENT, PARTICULARLY THE F-5S.

2. SUBSTANCE OF ABOVE MAY BE USED IN DISCUSSIONS WITH SAG
ON IMPLEMENTATION OF PROPOSED PROGRAM AND DEGREE OF DIRECT
US ROLE. VANCE

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